



FOUNTAIN CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 11, 2026 | 10:30 A.M.

PRELUDE

WORD OF WELCOME

The Rev. Susan Balfour

CALL TO WORSHIP

Carl Snow

Liturgist: In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

All: **In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind.**

Liturgist: God caused the waters to part so that Israel could cross from slavery to liberation.

All: **God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary's womb.**

Liturgist: Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples' feet in water.

All: **Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman, the first person to recognize that he was the Christ.**

Liturgist: Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.

All: **God meant for Jesus to be the firstborn in a large family. Praise be!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

from Psalm 29

The Rev. Susan Balfour

Minister: Let us pray:

All: **God of life and new life, you are splendid and strong! Your voice thunders above the sound of loud waters. You sit enthroned above the floods of life. As Jesus heard you speak to him in his baptism, may we also hear you calling us your beloved, through Jesus Christ, your son, our brother. Amen.**

*HYMN 408

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Glory to God Hymnal

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

Please sign and pass the friendship register located on the center aisle under the pew in front.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Carl Snow

Liturgist: Let us be bold and confess our sins, for God is gracious and always ready to forgive.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from Acts 10:34

All: **God, you show no partiality, yet we are not always as tolerant and accepting. Forgive our intolerance, and help us to see as you see, that we may be found acceptable in your sight through Jesus our Christ. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Rev. Susan Balfour

Minister: God forgives all our sins and promises to bring us to everlasting life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*GLORIA PATRI 581

Glory to God Hymnal

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

Carl Snow

Liturgist: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

ANTHEM SOLO

“Pie Jesu”

G. Faure | Shelby Wright, Soprano

Pie Jesu Domine, Dona eis requiem.

Merciful Jesus, Grant them rest.

Pie Jesu Domine, Dona eis requiem sempiternam.

Merciful Jesus, Grant them everlasting rest.

FAITHFUL FRIENDS

Children ages 5 through 8 are invited to children’s worship.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Susan Balfour

Minister: Let us pray:

All: Still-speaking God, as these words from Scripture are read, may it be to us as if the heavens are opening, and we see your Spirit descending on us like a dove, revealing your love for us as your daughters and sons. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Minister: The Word of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9

Acts 10:34-43

All: Thanks be to God

Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON

The Rev. Susan Balfour

*HYMN 164

“Down Galilee’s Slow Roads”

Glory to God Hymnal

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Ecumenical Apostles Creed

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended to the dead; the third day He rose again; he ascended into heaven, and he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Traditional Version

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL FOR OFFERING

Carl Snow

Liturgist: God gives us not only genesis life but the new life born of repentance, forgiveness, and resurrection. Therefore, with generous hearts, let us give back a portion of what has already been given to us in our baptismal covenant with God and each other.

OFFERTORY

“In Christ Alone”

Getty/Spranger

*DOXOLOGY 609

Glory to God Hymnal

All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, word, and spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Rev. Susan Balfour

Minister: Let us pray:

All: Great, saving God, you have gathered us into one baptism, regardless of our backgrounds and conditions. Therefore, we praise you with our tithes and offerings. May they join with others to become a mighty river, bringing your peace and healing to the world. Amen.

*HYMN 543

“God, Be the Love to Search & Keep Me”

Glory to God Hymnal

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

All: Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let Your love flow so the world will know, we are one in You.

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist Carl Snow
Greeters Gail Giffin
Ushers..... Amy Ogden, Darlene & Jon Miller
Music..... Shelby Wright
Tech Team Mac Holland, Thomas Rader, Brett Miller, Debbie Hawkins
Faithful Friends (Children’s Worship)..... Susan Espiritu, April Lamb

OUR CLERGY AND STAFF

Pastor The Rev. Susan Balfour
Church Administrator..... Ashton Hicks
Director of Music Bob Eubanks
Accompanist Nancy Wells
Nursery Staff Laurismar Wrinkle

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sanctuary Flowers this week are given to the glory of God in honor of outgoing Session Members April Lamb, Brett Miller, Paula Rhea, Tracye Robertson and Carl Snow for their faithful service.

CORE Donations: This week our community outreach and engagement committee is seeking donations for Sacred Ground Hospice. Your donations of sanitary wipes, Lysol wipes and trash bags can be placed in the donation bins located in the hallway during regular church hours.

Installation of The Rev. Susan Balfour: Join us at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, January 18th as we install the next pastor of Fountain City Presbyterian Church.

The Lunch Bunch is invited to the home of Charlie and Susan Espiritu for their rescheduled annual holiday party on Thursday, January 22nd at 11:00 A.M.

Pilsner Presbyterians will gather at Fountain City Social at 2:30 P.M. on Friday, January 16 at Fountain City Social.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: Our office will be closed on Monday, January 19 in observance of the holiday.

Free Community Pancake Breakfast: Join us on Saturday, January 24th as we welcome the Fountain City Community in for our monthly free community pancake breakfast. Spread the news and invite a friend to come eat some delicious pancakes. There is no cost to attend and everyone is welcome!

JARZHEIT

1/16/87 Grace Irwin, 1/13/11 Anna Garrison, 1/16/19 Glessie Reeder, 1/15/25 Miller Sullivan

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1/15 Mike Jacobus

